

## Exceptional social and medical need

### *Criterion*

Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the Academy is the only suitable school to meet the child's needs and why no other school could provide the appropriate support for the child.

### *How to apply*

Exceptional need applications must be in the form of a letter or e-mail to the local academy board of the Academy, sent via the Admissions Officer, and accompanied by the recommendation stated in the criterion. The recommendation must be:

- Written by a person who is independent i.e. not a relative or friend.
- Explain why the child's needs can only be met by the Academy.
- Explain why the child's needs cannot be met by any other school.

If families have any other documents to support their application, they should submit these in addition to the recommendation.

The e-mail or letter is required in addition to the submission of a completed local authority application form.

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2024.